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c/o Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12 Street, S. W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Exparte Comments in ET Docket No. 14-165 and GN Docket Nos. 12-268

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission:

My name is Cassie Lenahan, RN, BSN of Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center which is located in Jasper, Indiana. I am a clinical nurse in the Critical Care Services department. In my nursing practice, I work directly and rely upon wireless medical telemetry to safely care for my patients.

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Jen Bayer, RN, BSN

Clinical Nurse

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Melissa Potts, RN, BSN
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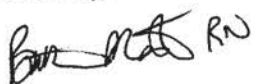
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Re: Exparte Comments in ET Docket No. 14-165 and GN Docket Nos. 12-268

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission:

My name Rachelle Braun, RN, ASN of Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center which is located in Jasper, Indiana. I am a clinical nurse in the Critical Care Services department. In my nursing practice, I work directly and rely upon wireless medical telemetry to safely care for my patients.

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My name Illia Leiberling, RN, ASN of Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center which is located in Jasper, Indiana. I am a clinical nurse in the Critical Care Services department. In my nursing practice, I work directly and rely upon wireless medical telemetry to safely care for my patients.

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